

AMENDMENT IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the first paragraph of the Specification on **Page 1, lines 5-14** in the following manner:

-- The present application is related to U. S. Patent Application No. 09/849,693 (~~Attorney Docket No. 5969-69491~~) entitled "CONTROL MESSAGING FOR AN ENTERTAINMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK" to Tomassetti et al.; U. S. Patent Application No. 09/849,698 (~~Attorney Docket No. 5969-69492~~) entitled "DATA STRUCTURE FOR AN ENTERTAINMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK" to Tomassetti et al.; U. S. Patent Application No. 09/849,198 (~~Attorney Docket No. 5969-69493~~) entitled "INITIALIZATION METHOD FOR AN ENTERTAINMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK" to Tomassetti et al.; all filed on May 4, 2001, coincident herewith and assigned to the assignee of the present application. --